National Highways in Uttar Pradesh

†1667. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Highways passing through Uttar Pradesh and the latest position thereof;

(b) the number of those National Highways required to undergo urgent repairs;

(c) the amount sanctioned for these National Highways during 2001-02;

(d) whether Government propose to convert some of the State Highways into National Highways in the States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) 30 National Highways are passing through Uttar Pradesh. The length of these National Highways is 4942 km. out of which 1569 km. from part of National Highway Development Project (NHDP).

(b) Maintenance & repairs is a continuous activity. This is taken regularly out of the funds allocated for the purpose. National Highways are being maintained in traffic worthy condition within the available funds.

(c) 57 projects costing Rs. 233.54 crore were sanctioned for development of National Highways in the State. In addition, 17 projects amounting to Rs. 3549.72 crores for four-laning on NHDP and other routes were in progress during the year.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Road accidents

†1668. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the roads of the country are in the dilapidated condition where it is difficult to walk:

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(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise

(c) whether it is also a fact that road acidents are increasing rapidly due to dilapidated condition of roads; and

(d) if so, the measres being taken by Government to repair the dilapidated roads of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) This Ministry is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways only. The National Highways are generally maintained in traffic worthy condition within the available resources.

(c) Road accidents are caused by several factors like negligent driving, faulty vehicles, lack of traffic guidance and poor geometrics and riding surface of roads. Statistics reveal that 1.1% of accidents are caused due to bad condition of roads.

(d) Does not arise.

Road safety

1669. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that widening and improvement of roads is one of the measures taken by Government to improve road safety in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the works done in this regard during the last two ears, year-wise and State-wise with particular details of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Details are as below: